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APPLICANT: VIRBULIS -1

SERIAL NO.: 10/053,446

EXAMINER: M. SONG

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TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A SILICON
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ATTN: BOX NON FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2003,
Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

REMARKS

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the
following two inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a process, classified in
class 117, subclass 13.

Group II: Claims 5-13, drawn to an apparatus,
classified in class 117, subclass 200.